The MESSENGER

THE UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

Milnrow
Littleborough

ST. STEPHEN'S DIARY

JUNE 1977

Wed. 1st - 2 p.m. Young Mums & every Wednesday
7.30 p.m. Whist Drive & every Wednesday
Sun. 5th - 11 a.m. Mr. Prince
6 p.m. Rev. T. Vause - Communion
Sun. 12th - 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.
Student from Congregational College
Sun. 19th - 11 a.m. Mr. Pearson
Sun. 26th - 11 a.m. Mr. P. Whitehead

JULY 1977

Sun. 3rd - 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.
Rev. W. Llewellyn - Evening Communion
Tue. 5th - 7.30 p.m. Ladies Guild - Cookery Demo
Wed. 6th - 2 p.m. Young Mums & every Wednesday
7.30 p.m. Whist Drive & every Wednesday
Sun. 10th - 11 a.m. Lay Preacher
6 p.m. Mr. D. Heys
Mon. 11th - 7.30 p.m. Care Committee
Sun. 17th - 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.
Rev. D. Everson - Family Communion 11 a.m.
Sun. 24th - 11 a.m. Lay Preacher
6. p.m. Mr. H. Platt
Sun. 31st - 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.
Rev. D. Everson

AUGUST 1977

Tue. 2nd - 7.30 p.m. Ladies Guild
Fri. 5th - 7.30 p.m. Young Mums Effort in School

FAMILY CHURCH READERS

June	5th	- 2 Cor.5: 11-19	Mrs. Cudworth
	12th	- Acts 7: 23-37	John Lynch
	19th	- Mark 4: 26-34	Mrs. Baines
	26th	- Isiah 40: 1-9	Mr. Wild
July	3rd	- Jonah 1: 1-17	Mrs. C. Rothwell
	10th	- Isiah 62: 6-12	Mrs. Clarence
	17th	- Psalm 8: 1-9	Mrs. Calow
	24th	- Isiah 35: 1-10	Mrs. Howarth
	31st	- Romans 12: 3-11	Mrs. Holden

LITTLEBOROUGH DIARY

JUNE 1977

Sun. 5th - 10.30 a.m. Mr. Lord
Sun. 12th - 10.30 a.m. Young People's Service
Mr. R. Vincent (Missionary Boxes
6 p.m. Mr. J. Lord - Communion
Tue. 14th - 7.30 p.m. Ladies Guild - Mr. Lord
(Men invited)
Wed. 15th - 6.45 p.m. Pilots
Sun. 19th - CHURCH CLOSED
Sun. 26th - CHURCH CLOSED

JULY 1977

Sun. 3rd - 10.30 a.m. Mr. Lord
Sun. 10th - 10.30 a.m. Councillor Edwards J.P.
6 p.m. Mr. Lord - Communion
Sun. 17th - 10.30 a.m. Miss Jones
Tues. 19th - 7.30 p.m. Ladies Guild - Favourite
Hymns
Sun. 24th - 10.30 a.m. Rev. T. Vause - Communi
Sun. 31st - 10.30 a.m. Councillor Edwards J.P.

AUGUST 1977

Mon. 1st - 7.30 p.m. Junior Church Meeting
Sat. 6th - 1.30 p.m. Annual Picnic - Todmorde
Sun. 7th - 10.30 a.m. Mr. Lord.

LITTLEBOROUGH DUTIES CONTINUED

COFFEE

June 5th - Mrs. Lightfoot Mrs. Mullen
12th - Mrs. Macormack Miss Law
19th & 26th - CHURCH CLOSED
July 3rd - Mrs. Moss Mrs. Reynolds
10th - Mrs. Law Mrs. Mitchell
17th - Mrs. Hey Mrs. Stanton
24th - Mrs. Butterworth Mrs. Mullen
31st - Mrs. Lightfoot Mrs. Macormack
Aug. 7th - Miss Law Mrs. Law

ST. STEPHEN'S

Dear Friends,

The District Council has appointed me Interim Moderator of your Church, and I am pleased to have this opportunity of introducing myself through your "Messenger". Cold print is, of course, no substitute for personal contact, so I am looking forward to my visits to St. Stephen's for your Junior Church Anniversay on 22nd May, and Church Meeting on 25th May.

The position of Interim Moderator is one that has been with us only since the formation of the United Reformed Church, and it is difficult to give a precise definition of what it entails. The important thing is that in this way a District can offer its concern and help to a Church during a ministerial vacancy, and explore the steps that need to be taken to prepare for any future ministry.

This I hope to be able to do in meetings over the next few months with your Elders and Church Members. Beyond that, however, I hope that we may be able to establish a relationship of trust and friendship which will be of help to the ongoing work of the Church.

I shall be pleased to give any assistance that I am able, and look forward to sharing in your Church life at Milnrow.

Yours sincerely,

Donald Whitehead

LITTLEBOROUGH

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Dear Friends,

I am sure that by the time you have receive this Newsletter you will be aware that the District Council has appointed me to be your Interim Moderator during the ministerial vacanc at your church.

The Elders, who I met recently, have sugges that I might like to write a few words by way o introducing myself to you. Some of you, at le know me from my visits to you in my capacity as Lay Preacher, and this association goes back qu a long time, since I came to the Rochdale area nearly 20 years ago. No doubt many of you are wondering why a Lay Man has been appointed your Interim Moderator? I really am not too sure h I can answer that, other than to say that the Ministers in our District are already fully committed in their own churches (these days, usually at least two) as well as being Interim Moderators to vacant pastorates. I have had previous experience of being an Interim Moderator in my own church at Castleton, althou the circumstances were slightly different then. I was Church Secretary at Castleton for 14 year until I moved to the Littleborough area last year. I have also been a member of the Ministerial and Lay Committee of this District during the five years that we have been members of the United Reformed Church.

I am looking forward to serving you and working with you in the months that lie ahead, and I hope to meet you not only at the Elders and Church Meetings, but, if possible, at some of your other activities within the church (time permitting of course). I hope it will be possible for my family to be with me on some occasions and that we all get to know each other very quickly.

I do not know how long it will be before a new minister can be installed at Littleborough, but I will do all in my power to assist you, together with the help of all concerned within our District, to bring about a speedy and happy outcome in filling the vacancy.

My final word is to appeal to you all, in whatever way you serve your church, to continue your support, particularly to those who hold important offices within it, and who now will have increased responsibilities in doing all that is necessary.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you think I can be of any help whatsoever.

May God Bless you all

Alex Cooper

MILNROW NEWS

ANNIVERSARY

Both services at St. Stephen's Anniversary were conducted by our Interim Moderator, Rev. D. Whitehead of Shaw.

The morning service was taken over by the Junior Church, who acted and sang "God's Seasons".

The evening service was a service of old fashioned hymns and choir pieces, which were very enjoyable. Collections totalled £90.

Our thanks to Rev. Whitehead for conducting these special services.

MILNROW NEWS

LADIES GUILD

HOW TO MAKE CHIPS & SAVE MONEY AT THE SAME TIME:

Thanks to Mrs. M. Holden and Mr. S. Wilkinson, Greengrocer of Dale Street, we had one of our most enjoyable meetings for a long time.

They arranged for Mr. Roland Duxbury, Buyer and Warehouse Manager of a large wholesale greengrocer to speak to the members of the Ladies Guild.

Roland, as he asked us to call him, demonstrate the way he prepares vegetables and told us how to care for them. He also told of some of the problems that Greengrocers face, and showed many varieties of potatoes. We learned many new ways of preparing vegetables, and even how to make chips!

"THIS IS YOUR LIFE" - MILNROW VERSION

Mrs. C. Clough arranged this evening, and the "Life" was that of Mrs. EUNICE BUSILL.

As a result of all the hard work £22 was raised for Church funds. Thank you to Mrs. Clough and Mrs. Busill, and to all who helped in any way.

LADIES GUILD OUTING

On Tuesday, 24th May, forty ladies went to Far Flat Head Farm at Ripponden, a very good time was had by all.

COOKERY DEMONSTRATION

The next meeting of the Ladies Guild will be on 5th July, 7.30 p.m., and will be a Cookery Demonstration by the Gas Board. Any ladies who would like to come along (members or not) will be made most welcome. (We have to guarantee 30 people will be there).

MILLROW PILOTS

As the current session draws to its close, we look back over a crowded few months.

It started with the Missionary Party, held at St. Stephens, when the Pilots presented "The Buried Bible", a story of Christians in Madagascar, in mime. The commentary written by Mrs. Jackson, was spoken by Mr. Sharples.

On April 3rd the Rev. Nash conducted his final enrolment service when Janet Holden and Shirley Butterwo were enroled as Pilots, and Mrs. Jackson and Mr. Grayson were enroled as Pilot Officers. The service was read by Mr. Sharples and the readings by Susan Jackson and Joanne Riley.

April 8th saw the restart after Easter, and the visit of the Provincial Pilot Officer - Rev. P. Killick. Unfortunately, owing to illness etc. attendance of Officers was sparce, but a good time was had by all present. Mr. Killick even demonstrated his prowess at table-tennis and snooker.

A week later we were visited for the last time by Rev. & Mrs. Nash, After conducting the opening when he spoke of Constancy to God and singing of Good Boys & Girls and Good Mums & Dads, they were presented with a Posy Bowl as a "Thankyou" and a reminder of good times spent together.

At the end of this session we also said "Adieu" not farewell we hope, to Mrs. Margaret Ogden. We say a big thank you to you Margaret, we will miss you, and hope that you will sometime in the future be able to rejoin us.

The next session starts in September, and if anyone thinks they can help us at all, we would be glad to see you. We meet on Mondays at 6.30 p.m and it is a worthwhile service.

On Saturday afternoon, June 11th, we go to Bolton for the next and final round of the Regional Competition. We are appealing for help with the transport. It starts at 2.30 so we would be leaving Church about 1.30 p.m.

If anyone could spare the time would they please inform any of the Pilot Officers. We would be more than grateful. We would also be glad of your Moral support on this occasion.

Milnrow Junior Church Birthdays

June 3rd Martin Howarth, June 6th Coral Smith, June 15th Suzy Butterworth, June 17th Warren Milne, June 20th Jonathan Riley, June 21st Karen Schofield, June 28th Stephen Rothwell. July 8th Joanne Collins, July 11th Penny Grayson, July 14th Gillian Lucas, July 15th Stephen Royle, July 15th Gillian Walter, July 25th Alister Hey, July 25th Warren Wright July 27th Hazel Ogden.

YOUTH CLUB

The Youth Club will close on 10th June and re- open after Rochdale September Holidays.

We hope all the young people will come back again in September.

CAR WASH

The Young People will be holding a Car Wash on Saturday, 9th July, on the car park behind the Church, from 2 p.m. - 4 p.m.

Come and have the holiday sand washed off your car.

LEBOROUGH NEWS

YOUNG PEOPLE'S SERVICE

Sunday 12th June at 10.30 a.m.

Preacher - Mr. Roy Vincent

(Missionary Boxes will be received at this service)

ANNUAL PICNIC

Saturday - 6th August
Todmorden Park
Meet at Littleborough Railway Station at 1.30 p.m.

All are welcome, including Friends from Milnrow

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23rd Lucy J. Vincent, June 29th Christopher Freeman,
29th Catherine Pickis. July 2nd Paula Mitchell,
6th Michael Simpson, July 11th Andrew Jackson,
16th Carolyn Lord, July 17th Caroline Mitchell,
21st Amanda Fielding, July 23rd Jane Harrison,
26th Angela Short.

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onal Children's Home

I wish to thank all those who helped to ribute and collect the envelopes for the dren's Home Door-to-Door Collections, the raised was £39.61p.

Thank you all,

K. Mills (Mrs.)

C.W.M. JUMBLE SALE

Mrs. Leach would like to thank everyone who helped in any way with the jumble sale, held at the end of April - the final amount was £42.

COLLECTIONS

April 3rd - £17.86
10th - £21.48
17th - £23.81
24th - £64.49 (Anniversay)

In order to economise on the fuel bills, the heating will be turned off in the Church from 1st June until the 1st October - except for Arctic conditions!!!

We were sad to learn of the death of Mr. Robert Worthington, who died in Birch View aged 83 years.

Even though he was not a member, he was always interested in the activites of our Church, and gave us his support.

More Silver Celebrations at Littleb[illegible]ough:-

Congratulations to
Malcom and Dorothy Leach, who celebrated their Silver Weding Anniversay on the 10th May, and wishing them many more years of Happiness together.

From Friend to Friend

I hope God's richest blessing
Will rest on you today
His Love, care and protection
Be with you all the way;
No fear of future darkness
No doubts your joy to dim,
But faith's own glad assurance,
Because you walk with Him.

MILNROW NEWS

An important point arose in Milnrow's Church Meeting on Wednesday, 25th May.

It was in connection with the falling attendance at Sunday Evening Services during the winter months.

It was concluded that unless at least 20 people asked the Secretary to keep on the Sunday Evening Services, they would be discontinued at least for the duration of the winter from the end of October.

If you think that the Sunday Evening Service should be kept, please give your name to Mr. Busil before the July Church Meeting.

"My peace I give unto you"

John 14:27

MILNROW JUNIOR CHURCH

The Junior Church badly needs a new PIANO.

If you know where one is available, it would be greatly appreciated. Please inform Mr. Wild or Mr. Busill.

YOUNG MUMS

On Wednesday 27th April, we said our farewells to Mrs. Nash, our Leader and Founder Member.

We miss her very much. Our Secretary Mrs. Hey presented a Book Token to Mr. & Mrs. Nash.

During May we heard two good speakers, Mrs. Leyton on Slimming, and Mr. Blackburn on his work as a Community Relations Officer.

The other meetings were Do-it-Yourself with Beetle and Favourite Records.

All Mums are welcome to our weekly meetings at 2 p.m. on Wednesdays.

June 1st - Health Visitor
8th - Surprise
15th - Literary
22nd & 29th - CLOSED FOR HOLIDAYS
July 6th - Holiday Snippets
13th - Surprise
20th - Chat
27th - Party

MILLOW DUTIES CONTINUED

FLOWERS

June 5th - Mrs. Beattie, Mrs. Law, Mrs. Wilkinson
12th - Mrs. Metcalfe, Mrs. Clarence
19th - Mrs. A. Wood
26th - Vacant
July 3rd - Vacant
10th - Mrs. E. Wood, Mrs. Tither, Mrs. Mills
17th - Mrs. Armstrong, Mrs. Chadwick
24th - Mrs. Millington, Mrs. Reed
31st - Mrs. Settle, Mrs. Harrison, Mrs. Whitworth
Aug. 7th - Mrs. MacDermott, Mrs. Wilkinson

CHURCH DUTIES - LITTLEBOROUGH - JUNE/JULY 1977

ELDERS

June 12th - 6 p.m. Mr. Mullen Mr. Simpson
July 10th - 6 p.m. Mr. Simpson Mrs. Lightfoot
24th - 10.30 a.m. Mr. Mullen Mr. Simpson

DOOR STEWARDS

June 5th - Mr. Holt Miss Leach
12th - Miss Law Mr. Fielden
19th & 26th - CHURCH CLOSED
July 3rd - Miss Silcock Mrs. Mills
10th - Mr. Simpson Mrs. Marvelley
17th - Mrs. Hill Mr. Holt
24th - Mr. Harrison Mrs. Lightfoot
31st - Mr. Mullen Mrs. Stott
Aug. 7th - Mrs. Crossley Mrs. Cryer

FAMILY READINGS	FLOWERS
June 5th - Mr. Mullen	Mrs. Law
12th - Mrs. Stott	Mrs. Stott
19th & 26th - CHURCH CLOSED	
July 3rd - Mrs. Law	Mrs. Leach
10th - Mrs. Hill	Mrs. Fielden
17th - Mrs. Vincent	Mrs. Stott
24th - Mr. Harrison	Mrs. Marvelley
31st - Mrs. Lightfoot	Mrs. Leach
Aug. 7th - Mrs. Hammond	Mrs. Lightfoot

CHURCH DUTIES - MILNROW - JUNE/JULY 1977

DOOR STEWARDS

June 5th - Mrs. Duffy Mrs. Baines
12th - Mrs. Clarence Mrs. Royle
July 3rd - Mrs. Holden K. Holden
10th - Mr. Harrison Mr. Ogden
17th - Mrs. A. Collins Mrs. I. Collins
24th - Mrs. Calow & Family
31st - Mr. Rae Mr. Buckley
Aug. 7th - Mrs. Butterworth Mr. Mellor

COMMUNION

June 5th - 6 p.m. Mrs. Howarth Mrs. Holden
July 3rd - 6 p.m. Mr. Wild Mr. Busill
17th - 11 a.m. Mr. Clough Mr. Sharples
Mr. Whitehead Mr. Royle
Aug. 7th - Mrs. Howarth Mrs. Holden

EVENING DOOR	DUTY ELDER	ORGANIST
5th Mrs. Howarth	Mr. Clough	
12th Mr. Clough	Mr. Whitehead	Mrs. Hey
3rd Mr. Sharples	Mr. Royle	Mr. Clegg
10th Mr. Busill	Mr. Wild	Mrs. Hey
17th Mr. Whitehead	Mr. Busill	Mrs. Starkie
24th Mr. Royle	Mrs. Holden	Mrs. Bradbury
31st Mrs. Holden	Mr. Sharples	
7th Mr. Wild	Mrs. Howarth	

COFFEE

June 5th - Mrs. Whitehead Mrs. Greenhalgh
12th - Mrs. Holland Mrs. Jackson
July 3rd - Mrs. Duffy Mrs. Butterworth
10th - Mrs. Cudworth Mrs. Wood
17th - Mrs. Hey Mrs. Mellor
24th - Mrs. Calow Mrs. Garside
31st - Mrs. Sharples Mrs. Ogden
Aug. 7th - Mrs. Smith Mrs. Buckley

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